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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of: C. Speicher and J. Hirschman

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For: *Systems and Methods for Correcting Supply/
Demand Imbalances in Multi-Tier Exchanges*

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Examiner: To Be Assigned

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231**PETITION FOR FIVE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME**

Dear Sir:


Applicant requests a five-month extension of time pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) in which to respond to the Notice to File Missing Parts in Nonprovisional Application dated May 7, 2001.

Enclosed is a check which covers the appropriate fee of \$980.00 based on small entity status. Please charge any underpayments or credit any overpayments to our Deposit Account No. 06-1448. For this purpose, a duplicate of this document is enclosed.

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